



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 582

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Substitute House Bill No. 5511

House of Representatives, April 20, 2006

The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. LAWLOR of the 99th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING CONTRACTORS PERFORMING WORK IN SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) (a) Any contractor who
2 enters into a contract with a local or regional board of education for the
3 performance of maintenance, repair or landscaping work during the
4 school year at any school or on the grounds of any school shall, as a
5 condition of such contract and prior to the performance of such work,
6 provide such board of education with a list of the names, addresses
7 and dates of birth of all employees or subcontractors of such contractor
8 who will be performing such work. The provision of false or
9 misleading information by the contractor pursuant to this subsection
10 shall be grounds for the termination of such contract.

11 (b) The local or regional board of education shall access the registry
12 maintained by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to chapter
13 969 of the general statutes and determine if any of such employees or
14 subcontractors is registered or required to register as a sexual offender

15 under said chapter.

16 (c) No local or regional board of education shall permit a person
17 who is registered or required to register as a sexual offender under
18 chapter 969 of the general statutes to perform maintenance, repair or
19 landscaping work during the school year at any school or on the
20 grounds of any school.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section

JUD *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

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None

OLR BILL ANALYSIS**sHB 5511*****AN ACT CONCERNING CONTRACTORS PERFORMING WORK IN SCHOOLS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill prohibits boards of education from allowing anyone who is registered or required to register as a sex offender under Connecticut law to do maintenance, repair, or landscaping work in a school or on school grounds during the school year. (The school year typically runs from September through June.)

The bill requires each contractor hired for such work, before starting the work and as a condition of the contract, to give the board a list of its employees or subcontractors who will be doing the work. The list must have each employee's or subcontractor's name, address, and birth date. The board must check the Department of Public Safety's sex offender registry to determine if any worker is registered or required to register. (A board could not determine whether someone is required to register merely by looking at the registry.) A contractor who provides false or misleading information gives the board grounds to terminate the contract.

By law, crimes that require registration as a sex offender are crimes against minors, violent and nonviolent sexual offenses, sexual offenses in other jurisdictions, and felonies committed for sexual purposes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2006

BACKGROUND***Legislative History***

The Judiciary Committee amended the original bill (File 212) to require contractors to provide the list and the board of education to

check the sex offender registry instead of requiring contractors to certify to the board that none of their employees or subcontractors is registered or required to register. The committee also eliminated a provision allowing a board to terminate a contract if it finds an employee or subcontractor is registered or is required to register. Instead, it makes a contractor's provision of false or misleading information grounds to terminate the contract.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 25 Nay 0 (03/10/2006)

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 24 Nay 9 (04/10/2006)